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Hello Dr. Donohue,

Thank you so very much for presenting at the FSTRAC webinar today and for taking all of my questions. I have one more for you...

Is there any possibility that I could access the presentation that 3M is planning to give you in October?

I've been in contact with Dr. Sue Chang since April of this year. She has offered to come to Lansing with Dr. Geary Olsen and we are waiting to hear from Michigan State University (MSU) regarding their interest in hosting "3M" to give an "overview" of perfluorinateds then meet with the State of Michigan toxicologists to discuss specifically the monkey study they will be discussing with you.

You may be aware that Michigan is home to what is, most likely, the most highly contaminated PFC site in the country. The former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan, is chock full of at least 19 PFC "congeners", for lack of a better term. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued a "do not eat" advisory for some fish in the vicinity of the base, and remediation of the base is being driven, in part, by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) surface water value for PFOS. It is my understanding that ATSDR is preparing to do a small-scale epid study on former residents of the base, but MDHHS has the details on that. The MDEQ's project manager for the base clean-up attended the Fluoros meeting in Colorado back in July with the intention of speaking with Dr. Chang, but he was not able to do so. To be fair, he is a geologist by training so I am not sure his conversation with her would have been fruitful.

Regardless, I have expressed to Dr. Chang my deep interest in her work, but it appears that she is unwilling/unable to share anything with me unless we are face-to-face. I am not confident that MSU will extend her and Dr. Olsen an invitation and, for several reasons, I don't believe I am able to accept her proposal to come to Lansing to discuss the study with the MDEQ. If there is any way that you could facilitate Michigan receiving the results of this highly anticipated monkey study, my colleagues and I would be utterly appreciative.

If you would like any additional information, please feel free to write or call. I thank you for your time!!

Regards,
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